

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-8, 24 and 29-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 24 are independent claims.

Claims 1 and 6-8 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 as lacking the necessary physical articles or objects to constitute a machine or a manufacture within the meaning of §101. The Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 24 to more clearly state the invention and the necessary physical articles or objects. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the §101 rejections.

Claims 1, 6-8, 24 and 29-31 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koppolu US Patent No. 5,706,458. Koppolu discloses a method and system for generating a merged menu list using a conflict resolution protocol. Koppolu is concerned with menu list operation and displaying the user interface.

The Applicant's claimed invention adds unique flexibility to a menu system wherein additional components can be subsequently added to a corresponding component table by a user, thus expanding and/or updating the menu system and corresponding features post installation. The additional components that are subsequently added may be purchased by the user. The additional components may have been created subsequent to the application development or may be an expanded feature.

In contrast to the claimed invention, Koppolu does not disclose the ability additional components can be subsequently added to a corresponding component table by a user, such as by purchase or subsequent development. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, patentably define over the teachings of Koppolu.

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Reconsideration of the application and a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 6-8, 24 and 29-35 is respectfully requested.

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